

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I am extremely concerned about Sinclair Broadcasting's ("SBGI") decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election. This appears to be a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

SBGI uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is required by law to serve the public interest. Unfortunately, when large media companies control the airwaves, the public's interests are generally, terribly underserved.

SBGI's clearly self-serving actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.